



Jesus Feeds 5,000 People

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One day Jesus preached to the crowds and healed many sick people. All day people listened to Jesus' Good News. At last it grew late. Everyone was hungry.

The disciples said to Jesus, "This is a lonely place. There is no food here. Send the people back to town to buy food." But Jesus said, "They don't have to leave. You feed them." The disciples answered, "Look at all the people! We can't buy that much food." Jesus said, "Go and see how much food we have." The disciples answered, "One boy has five loaves of bread and two small fish. But that won't feed all these people!"

Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit down." Everyone sat down on the green grass.

About 5,000 men were there, and many more women and children were with them! Jesus took the bread and fish. He looked up to heaven and thanked God for the food. Then He broke the five loaves of bread and the two fish into pieces. He gave the food to the disciples, and they gave it to the people. There was plenty of food. Jesus made it enough for all those many, many people.

Everyone ate all they wanted. Then Jesus told His disciples, "Pick up all the food that is left. We don't want to waste any." So the disciples picked up all the food that was leftover. They filled 12 baskets full of food. The people said, "Jesus surely is the Savior God promised to send."

Jesus gives what we need.



Parents: After a meal, have your child help put the leftovers away. Remind your child that food is a precious gift of God that we don't waste. Talk about the special meal called the Lord's Supper. Say that it is a special way we receive Jesus and His forgiveness.